

Lindsey U3A Garden Group

Visit to Hall Farm, Harpswell on Tuesday 23 June 2026.

Our hostess Pam Tatam welcomed us to her lovely garden that has been developed over several years. For many years the garden had been a nursery which opened to the public, selling plants, but over time it has been transformed into one garden that wraps around the farm house. The car park is now a walled gravel garden with raised beds edged with bricks and the plant sales area is now a formal garden with geometric borders. The garden covers 3 acres containing mixed borders, perennials, roses, trees and shrubs.

On entering the garden, the first plants that caught my eye were the magnificent hollyhocks. In a paved, square garden, separated by fencing, Pam has repeat planting of different coloured salvias which were in flower and looking very cheerful. One garden area contained old roses which were still looking good. The sunken garden contained many alliums. We walked along the woodland walk to see the site of a medieval village and 18th C manor house, no ruins to be seen except the moat. Then through the flower meadow. On such a hot day we were glad of the shade offered in the woodland walk.

There was much to see in this packed garden and it was easy to miss a plant amongst the many in flower. It was a very enjoyable visit.

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